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President's Message

This is my next to last message to you all. It's hard to believe another year has past and it is now the ending of my second term in office. 2005 was a tough year, we had a few bumps but we have learned much from these and I expect as with everything in life and equestrian activities, you suffer a few setbacks only to rise up and improve. I look forward to 2006 with a new perspective and possibly a new direction for SLADS. We really need your help in the coming years to plan new activities and gaining sponsorships. I believe that the only way we can reduce show costs and offer more activities or schooling shows is through sponsorship support.

I'm also excited about the local talent symposium idea brought forth by Michele Inman. She has already had a number of positive responses from area talent and will be coordinating these for 2006. She will provide further details at the banquet. We welcome anyone with fresh ideas that would be of interest to our members to propose them to the board in person or in writing.

I also encourage all of you to attend the annual banquet. Jessie has again planned the event at Spazio's Banquet Center, a wonderful place with great food. We will again have a silent auction, coordinated by Colleen Murphy-Quattlebaum, with items donated by local and national business. New this year will be an essay contest, see categories inside newsletter, and I hope many of you will participate. Judging will be done by a panel of Mizzou veterinary students to keep it impartial. Winning entries will be read at the banquet and prizes awarded to the best in each category. We also still have plenty of calendars left so please place your orders to help support our organization. If you'd like to help sell the calendars at your barn or business, please contact me for additional order forms and calendars.

As we say goodbye to 2005 and look forward to 2006, I wish you all a happy and healthy equestrian holiday filled with fun and friends. See you at the banquet, Jan 14.

Dawn White
Retiring President

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News from USDF

First Continuing Education Program for Judges and USDF 'L' Graduates was held October 29th, 2005

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that the first Continuing Education Program for Judges and USDF 'L' Graduates was held October 29th 2005 in Leesburg, VA, hosted by PVDA and VADA/Nova in a cooperative venture. Titled 'Upgrade Your Judging Eye II' this program was held during the Sixth Annual USDF/State Line Tack Region One Adult Team Competition at Morven Park. Sally O'Connor, USEF 'S' Judge and FEI 'C' Judge, was the instructor for the group, which consisted of USDF 'L' graduates, a USEF 'r' judge and auditors.

This program utilized the competition setting to practice judging as well as watching actual tests being performed with on-going commentary provided by Sally O'Connor, the instructor. Along with sharpening their judging skills on actual tests, the group spent a portion of the weekend in a classroom, watching videos on the topics of judging, gaits and paces. O'Connor also fielded specific questions and discussed differences between judging styles. "The response [for this program] was overwhelmingly positive with many requests for more," commented Alison Head, co-organizer with Robin Shelleman of the PVDA/NOVA program.

'The Continuing Education Program for Judges and USDF 'L' Graduates,' was developed by the USDF Judges Committee, to provide for, and continually improve, the training of individuals currently licensed as judges and those aspiring to become licensed. This program, implemented on a regional level, is designed to offer several different formats, from a classroom structure to a competition or clinic setting. In offering several program formats and topics, each region is able to tailor the program to their individual continuing education needs. This program also allows auditors the unique opportunity to gain insight into the judge's box as well as help improve their competitive edge.

Regional grants are available through USDF for this program, funded by the Edgar Hotz Judges Endowment Fund, through The Dressage Foundation. The Dressage Foundation's mission is to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of dressage. There are grant requirements that must be met in order to be eligible to receive the regional grant.

ADVERTISEMENT INFO

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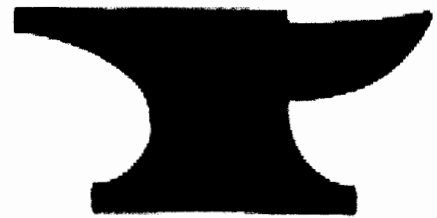
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☆☆ you!!! If you are interested in supporting dressage in ☆☆
☆☆ the SLADS Fall Festival in October please contact: ☆☆

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Calendar Of Events

December

10-11

Paul Belasik clinic at Hamilton Stables. Contact Mimi Garner Gerrard at mgarner@att.net for more information.

January

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SLADS Year End Banquet. See flyer in this newsletter for more information. Location: Spazio's Banquet Center.

*Check www.slads.org for up to date online calendar of events

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USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference to Feature Hubertus Schmidt

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) 2006 FEI-Level Trainers' Conference, January 15-16, will feature internationally recognized dressage trainer, coach, and competitor Hubertus Schmidt. The conference will consist of two full days of live demonstration at High Meadow Farm in Loxahatchee, FL. Schmidt has produced outstanding results in the competition arena as a trainer and high performance competitor. He has won multiple national and international titles, including the silver medal at the 2005 FEI European Dressage Championship and the gold medal at the 2005 German Championships. In team competition, he received the gold medal at the 2004 Olympic Games and the silver medal the 2005 FEI World Equestrian Festival. Schmidt, who is regarded in Germany as a *pferdewirtschaftsmeister* or state recognized equestrian expert, is a five-time German Professional Riders' Champion.

News from USDF Con't...

USDF Congratulates Newly Certified Dressage Instructors

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is proud to recognize the following individuals for achieving USDF Certified Instructor status at the USDF Instructor Certification Test held on November 4-6, 2005 in Versailles, Kentucky, at the Life Adventure Camp (a program of the Cleveland Home). The examiners for this Instructor Certification Test were Maryal Barnett, Holt, Michigan, and Debbie Bowman, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Training – Second Level:

Jennifer Elliot, WV, Kate Fleming, IL, Kim Gentry, TN, Rebecca Kells, FL, Reese Koffler, KY, Martin Kuhn, IL

Training – Fourth Level:

Kim Gentry, TN, Reese Koffler, KY

The USDF Instructor Certification Program is designed to set a standard of excellence in dressage training and instruction in the United States. Instructor Certification identifies those instructors who have demonstrated the knowledge and abilities necessary to teach the classical concepts of dressage and meet specified standards of proficiencies.

If you would like to receive more information about the USDF Instructor Certification Program, contact a USDF Certified Instructor, receive a calendar of USDF Certified Instructor Workshops and testing sessions, or obtain details on hosting Certified Instructor Workshops, visit www.usdf.org/Programs/InstructorCertification/index.asp or contact Kathie Robertson, USDF Instructor/Trainer Liaison at (859) 971-2277 or instructorcertification@usfd.org

The 2006 FEI-Level Trainers' Conference is offered through USDF as a continuing educational opportunity for FEI-level dressage instructors, trainers, judges, and equestrians. New criteria allows instructors, trainers, and riders at the FEI level to take advantage of this unmatched opportunity. With the revised criteria, trainers and other eligible attendees may bring up to three additional USDF Participating Members who are actively riding, training, or competing at the FEI level. In addition, "L" Program graduates and all USEF and FEI-level judges are welcome to participate.

Walter and Mary Anne McPhail have generously donated the use of High Meadow Farm for the conference. Complete criteria, registration forms, and travel information are available on the USDF Web site at www.usdf.org/CalendarEvents/TrainersConference/index.asp. For more information, contact Kathie Robertson at (859) 271-7877 or kr Robertson@usdf.org.



Catlin Farm is a new premier dressage training facility in New Melle, MO that is designed to meet the varied needs of today's horse and rider. Facilities include a beautiful 9 stall barn with individual paddock runs connected to each stall, a small 4 horse barn for people wanting to bring their horses in for Lindsey's weekend or daily training sessions, a large indoor arena with superb footing and mirrors, a full size outdoor dressage ring with lights, and grass pastures. Services include excellent full care board, dressage training at it's best through FEI for horse and rider, lessons and leases available on school horses, trailer-in lessons, clinics, and sales. The trainer, Lindsey Cross, nurtures the advancement of the horse and rider through Grand Prix, utilizing the fundamental principles of dressage, especially the use of a correct seat and the lightness of the aids. Now offering boarding only. Optional training is available but not mandatory.

Only 2 stalls left! For more information or to tour or exceptional facility please call (636)398-4870, email piaffe_83@yahoo.com, or visit our website at www.catlinfarm.com.



SLADS YEAR END BANQUET

Dear SLADS members, family and friends,

As the show season reaches its end we would like to honor those who have shown great efforts throughout the year and acknowledge the board for their fine work. We will be having our annual banquet filled with good food, good friends and great awards. The dinner and awards ceremony will be accompanied by a silent auction hosted by Colleen Quattlebaum to benefit SLADS educational programs and also elections for new the new board, president and treasurer. SLADS will also be presenting the awards for the 1st annual essay contest. Appetizer and cocktails from the cash bar will be available at 6:30 followed by dinner and the presentations. The banquet will be held at Spazio's Banquet Center in Creve Coeur near Westport Plaza on **January 14, 2006** and will be catered by Russo's Gourmet Catering. We would love for all to attend, feel free to bring your family and friends to help acknowledge all the achievements we have had in the past year. The charge for the event is \$25.00 per person.

Please mail reservations by January 7, 2006 to:

Jessie Fee
11372 Taylor Pines Dr.
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Directions: I-270 to Page Blvd, east to Lackland/West Port Plaza Dr., turn right and then bear right onto Concourse Dr. Turn right onto Lackland Rd. Spazio's is on top of the hill. 12031 Lackland Road.

Please return the following form by January 7, 2006:

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Good Horse Award – this is for an equestrian and their horse. We have all had a troubling, frustrating time when things did not go our way. Please write about a special occasion for getting a horse over a problem,(ie. loading in a trailer, picking up the hard lead, trail riding with out spooking, standing still or even getting through a horrific medical experience to name a few.)

Been through the Wringer Award - for horse owners who were faced with adversity – like riding the wrong test, horse escapes, freshly groomed horse rolling in the mud, etc. These are the things that we can all look back and laugh about.

First Time Award –celebrating the first time achievements of members or member's horses. It can be first show to first foal to first ribbon and more.

Ain't Gonna Happen Awards -for members with interesting and/or humorous anecdotes about why it didn't happen or your favorite excuses.

Trainer of the Year Award (prize will be given to the trainer and the author)- please tell us about your trainer and what makes them special to you.